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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the final Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on September 8, 2006, and to the advisory action mailed from the USPTO on January 8, 2007, for the above-referenced patent application. Applicants enclose a petition and fee for a three-month extension of time and a request for continued examination with the requisite fee. Applicants believe that no other petition or fee is required at this time, but request that any further required fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1721.

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Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.